



William Bailey Wickersham—An Appreciation.

On October 15, 1908, there passed away in Los Angeles—the city of the Angels—one of the squarest men I ever knew—William Bailey Wickersham. Our acquaintance covered a period of twenty-two years, and during that time I saw him almost daily; in his home life, in business, and in social intercourse. I knew him as one friend may know another when there is perfect confidence between them. Ours was no transitory friendship, which a little breath of suspicion might uproot, or a slight misunderstanding destroy. It was anchored deep, and I think the anchor would have held in any storm or stress.

He was an honest man, and his honesty was ingrained. Willful wrong-doing was foreign to his nature. He loved truth as flowers love the light. Doubtless temptations came to him, as they come to all men, but he put them aside with a strong hand. He was a gentle man; humble but not obsequious, unassuming but not servile. With the dignity of manhood he combined the gentleness of a child.

His sympathies were both broad and deep. Any man might call him brother without fear of rebuke. No worthy cause appealed to him in vain. If he erred it was on the side of liberality.

In social intercourse he was uplifting and inspiring. His greeting was like a breath of fresh mountain air, his presence was a benediction.

He was a life-long member of the Friends church, and a consistent believer in its doctrines and practices. He was a devout follower of the Lowly Nazarene, in whose teachings and life he had implicit faith.

In business he was diligent and accurate, and he required accuracy and diligence in those under him. But his gentle criticism was more effective than the sharp rebuke of other men. He had the too rare faculty of commanding both the obedience and the love of those under him. For thirty-six years he was secretary of the Chicago Public Library Board, and that covers the entire life of the Library to the time of his death. He placed the first book on its shelves, and lived to see it one of the greatest libraries of the world. The present magnificent library building may be called the work of his hands. While it was being erected he oversaw everything, and almost literally knew every stone and bit of mosaic that went into the structure. He scanned every item of expense, and no bill was paid without his approval. The building was erected not only within the limits of the appropriation but for several thousand dollars less than the original contract called for; and no suspicion of scandal or graft has ever arisen in connection with it. During his thirty-six years of service he handled millions of dollars of public money, and not a penny of it stuck to his fingers. Surely such a record is worthy of mention in this day and generation.

He died among the roses of California, and we have buried him among the brown October leaves of Illinois. There is no need of marble shaft to perpetuate his memory, for the gracious influences of his life and character will extend far into the future, perhaps into eternity itself.

ALBERT WILLIAM MACY.

Automatic Telephone Service.

The Home Telephone Company, which uses the automatic phone and which is putting in a

line from Portland to McMinnville, reached Newberg several days ago and at once placed one of their phones in the Imperial hotel for the free use of the public for a few days, in order to let the service be thoroughly tested. Everybody who tried it pronounced the service first class and it is evident that it is to become a popular line with the people.

It has since been connected up with the Mutual office and all subscribers to this line now have long distance service from their homes, though they will have to call up central as long as they don't have the automatic phones. A subscriber who has the automatic don't call central but does his own calling direct with the party he desires to reach, let the party be in Portland, Tacoma, Seattle or a thousand miles away.

As soon as you turn the dial to the party's number you ring and if no response is given you can continue to ring without changing the dial. If the party is in his place of business you get him without tiresome delays with central such as all have had experience with in the old system. No back talk from the hello girls. You press the button and the automatic does the rest. Try it and be convinced.

Authorities of Weight in Medicine.

Little did I think that my recent article in the Graphic on "Invalids—and Orthodox Medicine," concerning the action, effect and character of alcohol, etc. that it should have such marked and positive confirmation—and that by so many and such high authorities. It is confirmed by an article in McClure's Magazine (Oct. No.) on "Alcohol and the Individual," by Henry Smith Williams, M. D., L. L. D. Some of his statements are radical but no more so than the men he quotes. Voit, Dr. John J. Abel of Johns Hopkins University, Schumberg, Scheffer, Von Helmholtz, Exner of Vienna, Deitl, Kraepelin, Ach, Frederick Peterson of N. Y. specialist on mental diseases in experiments at Zurich last year, Rudin, Prof. Achaffenburg, Prof. C. F. Hodge of Clark University, Welch, Woodhead of University of Cambridge, Strumpell, Abbott of U. of Penn., McLeod, Dr. Muirhead of Edinburgh, Crothers, Guttstadt of Prussia, Bezzola & Hartman of Switzerland, Dr. Spratling, Supt. of "Craig Colony of Epileptics" of N. Y. and others are quoted.

Is there any reason for an osteopath feeling timid or presumptuous about his assertions when they are confirmed by such a vast array of the Old School of Medical Practice? I never made statements half as harsh and condemnatory of the drug doctors and their customs regarding alcohol and alcoholic stimulants, etc., as many of these eminent physicians make. They condemn themselves out of their own mouths, and in black and white too.

Dr. Abel said "it should be classed with the more or less dangerous stimulants and narcotic." It is not a "foodstuff" at all.

Dr. Muirhead of Edinburgh declared "that he had scarcely known of a death in a case of pneumonia uncomplicated by alcoholism."

In view of such testimony as this it would seem that parents who employ physicians who prescribe alcohol in pneumonia are rather careless of the effects on their children. It matters not whether the prescription is in the form of brandy, beer, wine, gin, sherry or "a cocktail." It was

openly declared here last spring, that a certain little girl about 8 years old, was kept alive on whiskey for about 2 weeks at the close of an attack of pneumonia. Three houses down the street I was treating a girl aged 11 for a severe attack of pneumonia at the same time. She didn't need any "bracer" or stimulant aside from osteopathy and was only sick about two weeks in all. Nothing could induce those parents to employ a drug doctor for anything. Dr. Muirhead's statement recalls to my mind an old minister of the gospel back east who had pneumonia (the third attack in five years) and he was weakening fast. Another physician (an M. D.) was called in. After an examination he took the minister's son in an adjoining room and frankly told him his father was dying of "chronic alcoholism." This startled the young fellow to think that his father, a Gospel minister even suffering from "chronic alcoholism"! But no wonder, patients must take prescribed dope. Medical authorities declare that "the third attack of pneumonia is fatal." It isn't surprising for alcohol (distilled spirits in some form) is their standard remedy in the crisis in pneumonia. Yet the young man whom I carried through the third attack of pneumonia a year and a half ago is in college now. It wasn't two weeks after the death of two men from pneumonia either who had received the standard(?) methods of treatment.

John F. McNary, M. D., D. O., compiled 100 cases of pneumonia that he and other osteopaths of Milwaukee, Wis., had treated without drug medication, and there were only two fatalities in the whole number. Osteopathy doesn't blush at being contrasted with drug methods.

Dr. Williams states that alcohol is the ally instead of the foe of tuberculosis. This "reverses the popular impression once held by the medical profession that it is antagonistic to consumption." He is confirmed in this by Dr. Brouardel, who, at the congress for the study of tuberculosis in London declared that alcohol prepared the way for tuberculosis, and increased its virulence. The physicians too, at the recent Tuberculosis Congress held in Washington D. C. declared that Kock's theory regarding the efficacy of "Tuberculin" in consumption was an imaginative fancy, and its virtue was as yet unproven.

"Dr. Sims Woodhead says "alcohol will produce fatty degeneration of the heart."

I knew nothing of the article in McClure when I wrote my former article, but will cease quotations now. Get it: read the article. It is full of interest to the public. Dr. Williams strongly verifies the osteopathic contention both regarding disease and drugs. It will be remembered that a Dr. Arnold and Dr. Geo. M. Gould was quoted by me over two years ago in the Graphic as modern medical authorities who verified osteopathy. The testimony piles up higher and higher as to osteopathic proficiency both in diagnosis and treatment of disease. DR. H. D. BOWERS.

Oregon Society Sons of American Revolution.

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution offers prizes to the pupils of the public schools of the State of Oregon, for essays on subjects connected with our War for Independence. Prizes of \$20.00 and \$10.00 will be awarded for the first and second best essays written by High School pupils on either one

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 2. The Battle of Saratoga.
 3. The Navy in the Revolutionary War.
 4. The Battle of Bunker Hill.

The essays are limited to three thousand words each, must be written in the student's own handwriting on one side only of the paper, and accompanied by a certificate from writer's teacher stating that the writer is a pupil in designated class, and that the teacher believes the essay to be the pupil's own unaided work. The essays must be signed by the writer, giving also his or her postoffice address. They should be forwarded to Mr. B. A. Thaxter, Chairman of Committee, 443 Eleventh street, Portland, Oregon, and should reach their destination not later than January 31, 1909.

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2. Accuracy of statement.
3. Manner of treatment.
4. Orthography, syntax and punctuation.
5. Neatness and legibility.

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Any additional information which may be desired will be cheerfully furnished on application to the chairman of the committee.

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